



JUDGES CHAPTER 6 (FACILITATOR)

Discussion Starter

- What is something that you're fearful of that would surprise those who know you?
- How do you typically handle any fears that you may have?
- **Opening Prayer**
 - Ask if someone wants to volunteer before leading the prayer.

Tell the Story

- **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE ONE PERSON WHO STORIES (SUMMARIZES THE CHAPTER) BEFORE THE GROUP READS THE CHAPTER TOGETHER.**

Read the Story (Judges 6:1-40)

Read out loud as a group, 3-5 verses per person. Let everyone know they can opt out if they would like. **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU INTRODUCE SOME OF THE HISTORICAL CONTEXT OF THE BOOK OF JUDGES AND THE JUDGES CYCLE WITH YOUR GROUP.**

Breaking it Down

- All questions should be utilized as appropriate based upon group dynamics to facilitate both understanding and discussion. Don't feel tied to the questions and don't feel like you have to get through every question. Follow the Spirit's lead! All questions are a matter of perspective in some way BUT there are specific questions that this is truer of and these questions have been indicated to be perspective/opinion questions.

Judges 6:1-10

- How would you describe Israel's condition in this passage before they cried out to God for help?
 - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.
- What is God's response to His people when they cry out to Him?
 - God reminds the Israelites of what He has done for them, how He provided for them, and how they responded to His provisions.

- In what ways does God daily remind you of what He has done for you and How He has provided for you? How do you typically respond to these reminders?
 - These are perspective and opinion questions so please listen as the facilitator.

Judges 6:11-18

- Why is it significant that Gideon was threshing (beating out) wheat in a winepress?
 - The winepress would have been a hidden location and not a typical location of where someone would thresh wheat. This shows how fearful Gideon was of the Midianites while also showing how he viewed himself and the rest of the Israelites.

- How does the angel first address Gideon and why is this so odd when we first read it?
 - When the angel uses the phrase “mighty man of valor,” this phrase is used throughout the Old Testament to describe exceptional men of war. This description of Gideon was so far from who he actually was when we first find him. He is hiding. He describes his clan as the weakest. He describes himself as the weakest in his father’s house. He does not see in himself what the angel says about him and he is certainly not living in any way that fits the angel’s description.
 - What might God be calling out of you that you simply do not see in yourself?
 - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.
 - In what ways is it easy for you to sense God’s presence with you? In what situations is it difficult for you to sense God’s presence being with you?
 - These are perspective and opinion questions so please listen as the facilitator.

- What is interesting about the exchange between the Lord and Gideon in verses 16-18?

- Gideon most definitely needs encouragement and affirmation in what God has called out of Him and what God desires Him to do and God honors his need for encouragement and affirmation.
 - In what ways do you plead with God to provide you with encouragement and affirmation?

Judges 6:19-27

- Notice what God calls Gideon to do after he provides him with encouragement and affirmation. Why is this significant and how does this apply to us today?
 - God calls Gideon to pull down the idols of his father while also building an altar to God.
 - In what ways is God calling you out of comfort and into taking risks for Him?
 - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.

Judges 6:28-40

- Why do you think that God honors Gideon's requests about the fleece?
 - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.
- What are some of your own questions and doubts that you have brought or are bringing to God?
 - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.
 - What are one or two things that you can do this week to celebrate God's rescue and deliverance of you?
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Final Application

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?

- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

Closing & Prayer Requests

- Have a designated person to capture and share (as appropriate) within the life group.
- What happens in life group, stays in life group.
- Don't forget get to confirm the next meeting date and time
- Also recruit someone to do the story for the following week (Judges Chapter 7)



JUDGES CHAPTER 6 (STUDENT)

Discussion Starter

- What is something that you're fearful of that would surprise those who know you?
- How do you typically handle any fears that you may have?
- **Opening Prayer**

Judges 6:1-10

- How would you describe Israel's condition in this passage before they cried out to God for help?
- What is God's response to His people when they cry out to Him?
 - In what ways does God daily remind you of what He has done for you and How He has provided for you? How do you typically respond to these reminders?

Judges 6:11-18

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- What are some of your own questions and doubts that you have brought or are bringing to God?
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Final Application

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?